

THE NICKERSON DIVORCE.

An Officer of the War Department Sent to Philadelphia to Look Up the Record.

A List of the Witnesses Who Testified at the Trial.

Their Testimony—How the Major Gained a Residence in Pennsylvania.

Evidence of Incompatibility Furnished by the Major's Friends.

Special Dispatch.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—Judge T. F. Barry, judge advocate U. S. A., arrived in this city yesterday with the intention of collecting evidence concerning the divorce that Maj. Azor H. Nickerson, assistant adjutant general, procured from his wife by alleged false and fraudulent representations. This is said to be preparatory to the major's arraignment before a court martial. The investigation here will be confined to an inquiry as to the testimony given by the Philadelphia witnesses and the manner of its procurement. Mr. Barry yesterday paid a visit to the prothonotary office and obtained a certified copy of the record of the case and of Mrs. Nickerson's petition. The record of the case, as made in the court of common pleas No. 4, shows the following list of witnesses, with their addresses:

John L. Clum, Schuylkill avenue, Philadelphia; Capt. Joseph McCoy, War department, Washington; John W. Carpenter, No. 1515 W street, Washington; Charles W. Roe, Navy department, Washington; William B. Matthews, No. 1424 New York avenue, Washington; Benjamin Herr, No. 909 Cherry street, Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia witnesses were only called to prove that the major had been a resident of Philadelphia for one year, which was necessary to establish his right to apply for a divorce in the Philadelphia courts. Upon this point Mr. Herr figures most prominently. Mr. Herr's house is a small, dingy, brick tenement three stories high, and in it a neighborhood of about twenty to thirty persons, including Maj. Nickerson's residence as a pleasant place of residence.

"Maj. Nickerson came here about fifteen months ago," said Mr. Herr to-day, "and resided with me in a back room. He came there about the Sunday after the second day of June, when my wife died. Then I gave him the second story front room, which he kept until about two months ago."

"How often did he come to the house?" "About once a month. He had some clothes in the room, and was always regular in his payments. He had a room in my house for fourteen months, and slept in it seven times as nearly as I can remember. Once he was away three months at a time. That was all the examination so far as I remember."

"Did the major leave you there?" "Yes, sir. About two months ago the major came to me and said I could do him a great favor if I would let him have my house. He said anything I could do for him, and then he told me that he was suing for a divorce. 'I want you,' he said, 'to testify before the examiner about my residence here.' I went down to an office on Walnut street where there were a young man with a light moustache and Maj. Nickerson in a second story front office. I was asked whether Maj. Nickerson had lived in my house, and told the examiner that he had had a room there for fourteen months. That was all the examination so far as I remember."

"Did the major leave you there?" "Yes, he paid his bills and sent for his things."

The other Philadelphia witness, Mr. L. Clum, known as the "drummer boy of the Chickamauga," simply testified to the fact that Maj. Nickerson had made Philadelphia his place of residence.

Capt. Joseph McCoy is a clerk in the War department, and when Maj. Nickerson was assistant adjutant general Mr. McCoy was directly under him. He says that Maj. Nickerson showed him much favor when he was his superior officer, and by various acts led to regard him as a friend, trusting him with various matters of importance, and in other ways giving him his confidence, so that he felt reluctant to say anything about the matter. "In the early part of March," said Mr. McCoy, "he told me that he was suing for a divorce, and that he wanted me to do a favor for him. I asked him what it was and he said, 'I want you to testify in the case that you know that my wife has not been living with me for two years, which is the truth.' I told him that I could do that, although I thought it amounted to nothing, and I knew nothing. He then assured me that he did not want me to swear to anything I did not know or that was not true. On the 21st of March, he came to work in my office, a messenger came for me and said I was wanted at the Metropolitan club, where I went and found two gentlemen who were introduced to me by Maj. Nickerson as lawyers from Philadelphia who were to take his testimony. The major was not present at the time, but that is not true, as he was there."

The evidence principally relied on to support Maj. Nickerson's allegation of malicious desertion "on the part of his wife," was that of John W. Carpenter, his colored body servant. Carpenter testified that in 1880 Mrs. Nickerson, who was then living with her husband in Washington, had said that she was going away, Nickerson, Carpenter remembered, prevailed upon her to remain. A month or so afterward, the witness declared, Mrs. Nickerson again said that she had made up her mind to go abroad. "And that time," the servant averred, "she went away, taking with her a little girl, her little daughter. It was in the night time. Mrs. Nickerson, however, in her affidavit, declares that she went abroad with her husband's 'advice and consent.' The case, as stated, that her husband believed that his daughter could be educated better and at less expense abroad than in this country. Moreover, she says, he saw her off, kissed her 'good by' on the steamer, and promised to follow her out as soon as he could obtain leave of absence."

Representative of the Republican called on Mr. W. B. Matthews, of No. 1424 New York avenue, last evening. Mr. Matthews was formally connected with the War department, but is now practicing law. He was asked whether he remembered Maj. Nickerson's divorce suit in Philadelphia. "I was subpoenaed to Philadelphia to testify as to Maj. Nickerson's character and reputation in the case," he knew nothing. The lady from whom Maj. Nickerson was divorced had left Washington for Europe before I came to it. I had, of course, heard that she and her husband did not live happily together but I did not legally know it. I did know, however, that he was a very unhappy and wretched man, and that his friends deeply sympathized with his evident sorrow, long ere they knew anything about it."

"Where is Maj. Nickerson now?" "He was, up to this afternoon, in this city. He was arrested today with a copy of the divorce suit in his pocket, and returned to the Philadelphia courts, returnable Saturday, for him to show cause why the divorce should not be set aside. Monday is the day set for taking evidence. As soon as Maj. Nickerson heard that proceedings would be instituted, he came to an organization composed of his friends, and they were ready to issue an order was issued from the War department."

ment commanding him to stay in Washington. He protested against the order, being on the retired list, and to-day received a letter from the War department permitting him to go to Philadelphia and no further."

"Maj. Nickerson making a vigorous fight against setting aside the divorce?" "With all the vigor in his power. He has engaged Messrs. Read & Pettit, of Philadelphia, as his attorneys, and will fight it to the end. Maj. Nickerson's friends, and they are many, think in view of his past record and of his well known personal character that fair play should be shown him. He and they ask only this and justice—nothing more. They think public opinion should be suspended until all the facts in the case come out, as all of them are denied in these proceedings. His enemies are resorting to unjustifiable means of warfare. They have attacked his present wife without cause or provocation. They are enlisting the prejudicial action of the War department against him. Their object is to have the divorce set aside, then for his divorced wife to obtain one from him, and all the blame as well as all the misery to be unjustly shifted to his shoulders. It was understood among his friends, months before he brought his suit for divorce, that if he was to be divorced, and long before he publicly left him, they were really strangers to each other, living apart though under the same roof. And the evidence of his tenderness for and chivalrous treatment of her are so many that a denial of them may be made, but cannot be maintained."

Other friends of Maj. Nickerson say that there is a persistent effort on the part of interested parties to misrepresent his course in his recent suit for divorce, evidently for the purpose of bringing about a feeling hostile to him. The counsel, as well as the examiner before whom the evidence was taken, when the divorce was granted, say that they have never known of a case where the plaintiff showed more delicacy of feeling or presented it with as much regard for the rights, real or supposed, of the defendant, as in this. No technical advantage was permitted or attempted, and much evidence that was now being brought forward, and excluded at the instance of the plaintiff, who felt that it was unnecessary to parade all the private affairs of his domestic life. The insinuations that have been put forth against the major's present wife are as unjust as they are cruel and untrue. Among those who know her no one stands higher for modest virtue, refinement, and cultivation. She is a great great niece of James Wilson, one of the signers of the declaration of independence, and her mother was with Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the treasury. She is also a lineal descendant of the celebrated queen's counsel of England, John Wilson, and closely related to families of the highest rank in this country. She is a devoted wife and mother, although for many years in deep mourning on account of many sad bereavements, is well known to many of our best citizens as among the best people in this vicinity."

Maj. Nickerson has had a long and most honorable career in the army, where he was repeatedly and most severely wounded. He was retired from active service at his own request about a year ago, with his constitution completely shattered. These facts and his high character entitle him to the respect that is every man's due until it is proved that he is unworthy of it.

Reformed Episcopalians. BALTIMORE, MD., May 23.—The general council of the Reformed Episcopal church began its ninth session to-day at Bishop Cummins' Memorial church, Lafayette square. Bishop William B. Nicholson, of Philadelphia, presided. Mr. Charles D. Kellogg, of New York, was secretary. There were present Bishops P. F. Stevens, of Charleston, S. C.; James A. Latane, of Baltimore, and Samuel Fallows, of Chicago, besides other clergical and lay delegates. Among the latter were Hon. William Aldrich, of Chicago, and Judge D. J. Hughes, of St. Thomas, Ontario. Rev. J. Howard Smith, of Newark, N. J., preached the opening sermon, after which the communion was administered. The bishop and Rev. H. S. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, participated in the services. Bishop Nicholson then called the council to order and an organization was effected by electing Bishop James A. Latane, of Baltimore, presiding bishop, and Charles D. Kellogg, secretary. Bishop Latane had no opposition. Bishop Nicholson submitted his report of Episcopal work, showing 383 confirmations, 2 deacons, and 4 presbyters ordained. The report of the latter was from other churches. One new parish was organized, 12 parishes now in the synod. The bishop expressed the opinion that the gift of Edward Martin, of New York, of 160 acres of land in the suburbs of Chicago for a theological seminary to bear his name, could not be received by the church on account of financial inability. The conditions of the gift are that the buildings must be put up and the seminary opened in five years. The report was referred to special committees, and the council adjourned until to-morrow.

A Washington Company in Mexico Falls. CITY OF MEXICO, May 23.—The president asks congress to prorogue its session until June 15 in order to act on the settlement of the English debt.

The president declares the forfeiture of the contract held by the United States and Mexican Construction and Guaranty company, of Washington, for the drainage of the city and valley of Mexico, because of its failure to deposit \$300,000 guarantee as agreed.

Billiards in New York. NEW YORK, May 23.—The afternoon game of billiards to-day was between Dion and Carter, and was won by the former. Following is the score: Dion 509; average, 6.14; best run 42; Carter 470; average, 5.1; best run 34.

At the evening game Vignaux beat Schaefer. Following is the score: Vignaux, 500; average, 7.02; highest run, 37; Schaefer, 341; average, 5.21-4; best run, 37.

The Philadelphia Recordship. PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—The supreme court, in an opinion filed this morning, affirms the decree of the common pleas court, which ousts David H. Lane from the office of recorder of this city. This opinion settles the question as to whether the governor has the right to summarily remove a county officer before the expiration of his term in favor of the governor.

Killed Himself Before Her Children. ST. CATHARINE'S, ONT., May 23.—Mrs. William Foulis, aged 30 years, committed suicide in the presence of her children, a boy and a girl, aged 9 and 12 years respectively, last night, in this city, by cutting her throat. She first tried to set herself on fire, but her boy extinguished the flames.

Gone a Fishin'. SANDUSKY, OHIO, May 23.—Gen. Sheridan, Secretary Lincoln, Gen. Stager, and a number of other gentlemen who have been weather bound here since Sunday, left this morning for Point au Pelee island, where they will "cultivate" black bass for a week. The weather is clear and warm.

How Father Annet's Was Cured. MONTREAL, May 23.—Rev. Father Annet's, cure of Cocopedia, below Quebec, publishes a letter stating that he was cured of paralysis by visiting the shrine of St. Anne, where he prayed to the Virgin to be relieved from his infirmities, and was quite restored to health.

A Grave Assembling. PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—The first annual meeting of the funeral directors' association of Pennsylvania, an organization composed of representatives of the various cities, began here this morning. About one hundred delegates were present.

PIMLICO PLUNGERS.

A Fine Day's Sport at the Grounds of the Maryland Jockey Club.

Bald Hornet, Bessie, Flower of Meath, Crickmore, Ranger, and Wooster Win.

How Some of the Favorites Were Badly Beaten—The Pools.

A Gentleman's Steeplechase—Pools on To-day's Races.

BALTIMORE, May 23.—The spring meeting of the Maryland Jockey club began to-day, and despite the threatening aspect of the weather, there was a large attendance. The track was heavy, but it was kept stirred up to the time for the first race to start, and was considerably improved from the condition of the early forenoon. As usual at Pimlico a large number of ladies were present than on other occasions on an opening day. There were six races, comprising a three-quarter mile dash, the homestead stakes, a dash of a mile and a quarter, the Rancocas handicap, mile heats, and a gentleman's steeplechase. All the races were well contested, except the steeplechase, which was of little interest. In the third race, Hilarity fell off from the start, and much complaint was made by those who had placed money on him, but his jockey was held blameless for the failure of the horse to run. The cause of his delinquency has yet to be discovered. The officers were: Running Judges, Washington Booth, T. W. Dowell, and Col. Edward Lloyd; time judges, F. M. Hall and Capt. Wm. M. Conner; distance judges, E. Law Rogers and John S. Gittings, jr.; starter, J. Wynn.

BALD HORNET WINS. The first race was a dash of three-quarters of a mile for maidens of all ages; entrance, \$15; purse \$300, and entrance money to the amount of \$100 to be paid in four installments. The starters were Chanticleer, Carlyle, Bald Hornet, Riddle, Le Petit Duc, Alma D., Goldring, Palmerston, and Slipper Dance. In the pools the field sold for \$25 and Carlyle \$10 and Le Petit Duc \$7. After two breaks the horses got off to a good start, with Slipper Dance in front. The field was well matched, and the race was a close one. Slipper Dance, second, Carlyle third, Palmerston fourth, Riddle fifth, and the others together. In the back stretch Le Petit Duc went to the front and at the half mile post was half length in front of Carlyle second, a length ahead of Slipper Dance, and a length and a half ahead of Palmerston. Bald Hornet still held the lead and passed the three-quarter post two lengths in front of Carlyle second, a head in front of Slipper Dance, and a length and a half ahead of Palmerston. Bald Hornet still held the lead and passed the three-quarter post two lengths in front of Carlyle second, a head in front of Slipper Dance, and a length and a half ahead of Palmerston. Bald Hornet still held the lead and passed the three-quarter post two lengths in front of Carlyle second, a head in front of Slipper Dance, and a length and a half ahead of Palmerston.

ESBIE BEATS PARNELL. The second was the annual homestead stakes for foals of 1880, bred by and owned at the time of running by the nominator; \$50 entrance, h. f. club added \$500, of which \$100 to second horse. One mile. The starters were Esbie, Parnell, and a third horse. Esbie was the favorite, and he was not disappointed. He won by a length and a half, beating Parnell by a length and a half, and the third horse by a length and a half. The pools were \$25 for Esbie, \$10 for Parnell, and \$7 for the third horse.

FLORER OF MEATH THE WINNER. The third was one mile and a quarter for all ages; horses that had not won at this or greater distance in the year; \$100 entrance, \$400 to the first horse and \$100 to second. The starters were Flower of Meath, Hilarity, Oakdale, and a fourth horse. Flower of Meath was the favorite, and he was not disappointed. He won by a length and a half, beating Hilarity by a length and a half, and the other two horses by a length and a half. The pools were \$25 for Flower of Meath, \$10 for Hilarity, and \$7 for the other two horses.

CRICKMORE WINS AGAIN. The fourth race was the Rancocas handicap, for all ages, \$50 entrance, h. f. and \$100, if declared out, club added \$600, of which \$100 to second horse. The starters were Crickmore, Haledon, Rica, Topsy, Antrim, Free Gold. In the pools Crickmore sold for \$80; Antrim, 20; Rica, 10, and the field \$21. In the start, which was prompt, Rica was first away, with Haledon second, Topsy third, Antrim fourth, Crickmore fifth, and Free Gold last. Passing the stand, Antrim was in front, a length ahead of Haledon, second; a neck ahead of Rica, third; Free Gold, fourth; Topsy fifth, and Crickmore, last. After passing the stand Haledon went to the first place and around the upper turn to the quarter post was a neck in front of Antrim, second; two lengths ahead of Topsy, third; a neck ahead of Free Gold, fourth; Crickmore, fifth, and Rica last. Through the back stretch there was no change. After passing the half mile post Crickmore went up to the second place, and at the three-quarters Haledon and Antrim ran on even terms one length in front of Crickmore, third; one and a half length ahead of Topsy, fourth; and Free Gold and Rica following. Haledon ran ahead, and at the seven furlong pole was a neck ahead of Crickmore. McLaughlin then gave Crickmore his head and he went to the front, finishing winner by a half length in front of Haledon second, four lengths ahead of Antrim third, Topsy fourth, Free Gold fifth, and Rica last. Time, 3:02. Mutual pools paid \$9.30.

RANGER WINS THE MILE HEATS. The fifth was mile heats for all ages. Purse \$250 for the first horse and \$100 for the second. The starters were Ranger and Mary Corbett. Ranger was the favorite in the pools at \$50 to \$31 for Mary Corbett. In the start Mary Corbett was first away, but in the upper turn Ranger went up and at the quarter post he was in front, and he won by a neck in the back stretch, until the half mile post was reached, when Ranger showed a neck in front. In the lower turn Mary Corbett again went to the lead, and at the three-quarter post was a head in front. Before reaching the seven furlong pole Ranger went forward, finishing the heat winner by two lengths. Time, 1:54.

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Horrible Murder in Virginia. PETERSBURG, Va., May 23.—Information has just reached here of a horrible murder at McFarland's, Lunenburg county, the victim being a child named Alice Bolling, who was brained by her mother. The mother, who was a woman of the name of Bolling, was subsequently found with its skull crushed in a frightful manner. The murderer confessed her guilt, but assigned no cause for the crime.

Thousands of Sunday School Children. NEW YORK, May 23.—The fifty-fourth anniversary of the Brooklyn Sunday School union was celebrated to-day in this city by the annual parade of Sunday school children. The children in the line numbered 52,000. After parading the prominent streets, they returned to their various school houses and were served with refreshments.

Virginia Veterans Coming Home. LOCKPORT, N. Y., May 23.—Despite the rain large crowds with cannon and music, both at this city and Medina, met the 5th Virginia Cavalry, which arrived on route from Niagara Falls for home.

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Horrible Murder in Virginia. PETERSBURG, Va., May 23.—Information has just reached here of a horrible murder at McFarland's, Lunenburg county, the victim being a child named Alice Bolling, who was brained by her mother. The mother, who was a woman of the name of Bolling, was subsequently found with its skull crushed in a frightful manner. The murderer confessed her guilt, but assigned no cause for the crime.

Thousands of Sunday School Children. NEW YORK, May 23.—The fifty-fourth anniversary of the Brooklyn Sunday School union was celebrated to-day in this city by the annual parade of Sunday school children. The children in the line numbered 52,000. After parading the prominent streets, they returned to their various school houses and were served with refreshments.

Virginia Veterans Coming Home. LOCKPORT, N. Y., May 23.—Despite the rain large crowds with cannon and music, both at this city and Medina, met the 5th Virginia Cavalry, which arrived on route from Niagara Falls for home.

BASE BALL GAMES.

A Contest Between One Armed and One Legged Men—The Other Games Yesterday.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—The Snorkey and Hopper base ball clubs, composed respectively of one armed and one legged men, played a match game of ball to-day for the cripple championship. Four of the Snorkey team had an arm off at the shoulder, one had a paralyzed arm, and each of the rest of the nine was minus a hand. The Hoppers were in worse trim. Their first baseman had an artificial leg, the center and right fielders chased balls on crutches, and the others of the nine traveled on "peg" legs. The two legged, one armed side had an easy victory over the two armed, one legged crowd, the score standing 34 to 11 at the end of the fifth inning, when the game ended.

At Cleveland—Cleveland, 4; 0 0 1 2 1 0 0 0—8 Philadelphia, 2; 2 3 1 0 0 0 0 0—5 Base hits—Cleveland, 12; Philadelphia, 6. Errors—Cleveland, 7; Philadelphia, 7. Pitchers—Daily and Coleman, Empire—Furlong.

At Detroit—Detroit, 0; 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 4—6 Providence, 2; 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0—4 Base hits—Detroit, 13; Providence, 8. Errors—Detroit, 3; Providence, 3. Pitchers—Detroit, Wadman; Providence, Richmond. Umpire—Decker.

At Chicago—Chicago, 2; 4 0 0 5 0 4 4 0—19 Boston, 1; 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 Base hits—Chicago, 22; Boston, 10. Errors—Chicago, 1; Boston, 15. Pitchers—Chicago, Goldsmith; Boston, Sullivan. Umpire—Sullivan.

At Wilmington, Del.—Wilmington, 0; 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 Allegheny, 1; 2 0 0 0 2 2 0 0—7 At Newark—Metropolitan, 1; 0 0 3 5 0 0 3 1—12 Detroit, 1; 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

At Boston—Boston, 2; 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 Buffalo—No game on account of rain. H. E. Young, secretary of the National Base Ball league, has appointed George W. Burnham, of Milan, Mich., a member of the staff of the umpires to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Umpire Odlia.

ANNAPOLIS AFFAIRS.

Trainer's Funeral—Sergeant O'Shea—More Naval Cadets Admitted—The Cadet Engineers.

Special Dispatch. ANNAPOLIS, May 23.—The funeral of Thomas Trainor, private in the marine corps, who died at the naval academy yesterday, took place to-day from St. Mary's Catholic church. The remains were buried in the Catholic cemetery, and were followed to the grave by the marine guard, under Lieut. C. T. Bates, and sailors of the academy. Capt. Tilton, commanding officer of the post, was also present at the funeral. Trainor had been in the academy about seven years, and had made many warm friends among the cadets. A salute was fired over his grave, and the naval academy band played a dirge.

Timothy O'Shea, sergeant at the marine barracks, who was sent six months imprisonment for desertion, and for deserting his post, has been released by order of the secretary of the navy.